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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 19, 2000, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Notice of Reason for Rejection dated August 30, 2005 with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-553944, in which the following document was cited:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-222797, together with an English language Abstract and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,737,484.

The relevance of the document, is set forth in the Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cited the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document and Japanese language Notice of Reasons for Rejection along with an English language translation thereof, is attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted, Toshiyuki MORII et al.

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